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Applicants herewith submit a translation of German Patent DE 196 32 499 A1 for the Examiner's convenience. The translation is listed on the attached PTO-1449.

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